

Kentucky Board of Dentistry



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DELEGATED DUTY LIST

The Board of Dentistry is charged by KAR 313.045 to establish a list of duties which may be delegated to registered dental assistants in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The duties on this list are performed under the **direct supervision** of the dentist.

Duty	Dental Hygienist	Registered Dental Assistant	Dental Auxiliary
Amalgam restorations			
Placing (condensation)	Yes	Yes	No
Carving	Yes	Yes	No
Polishing	Yes	Yes	No
Anesthetic agents (administering local)			
By infiltration	Yes ¹	No	No
By block	Yes ¹	No	No
Anesthetic – topical application	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bases and cavity liners – applying	Yes	Yes	No
Bands and bonding brackets	Yes	Yes	No
Bending archwires (for intraoral use)	No	No	No
Bleaching	Yes ²	Yes ²	No
Brush biopsy	No	No	No
Cement – removal coronal surfaces	Yes	Yes ³	Yes ³
Composite resin restorations			
Placing	Yes	Yes	No
Finishing	Yes	Yes	No
Crowns – temporary			
Fabricating	Yes	Yes	No
Placing	Yes	Yes	No
Removing	Yes	Yes	No
Diagnosis	No	No	No
Diagnodent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Examine oral cavity (inspecting, information gathering only)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fluoride	Yes	Yes	No
Impressions			
Preliminary – placement	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁴

¹ Registration required per 201 KAR 8:560 Section 11

² No laser usage during bleaching allowed

³ Education required per 201 KAR 8:570 Section 5

⁴ Study models or opposing arch only; cannot be used in the fabrication of any appliance

Impressions (continued)			
Preliminary – pouring model	Yes	Yes	Yes
Master or final – placement	No	No	No
Master or final – holding	Yes	Yes	Yes
Master or final – removal	Yes	Yes	No
Master or final – pouring model	Yes	Yes	No
Laser debridement	Yes ⁵	No	No
Matrices			
Placing	Yes	Yes	No
Removing	Yes	Yes	No
Nitrous oxide analgesia			
Administering	Yes ⁶	No	No
Monitoring	Yes	Yes	No
Polishing – Coronal (clinical)	Yes	Yes ⁷	No
Performing pulp vitality testing	No	No	No
Periodontal dressings			
Placing	Yes	Yes	No
Removing	Yes	Yes	No
Probing	Yes	No	No
Pumicing	Yes	Yes ⁷	No
Radiograph exposing	Yes	Yes ⁸	Yes ⁸
Retraction cords			
Placing and packing	Yes	Yes	No
Removal	Yes	Yes	No
Root Planeing	Yes	No	No
Rubber dams			
Placing	Yes	Yes	No
Removing	Yes	Yes	No
Sealant application	Yes	Yes	No
Scaling			
Supra gingival	Yes	No	No
Subgingival	Yes	No	No
Starting intravenous (IV) access lines	Yes ⁹	Yes ⁹	No
Sulcular medicament			
Placement	Yes	No	No
Removal	Yes	No	No
Sutures			
Removal	Yes	Yes	No
Placement	No	No	No
Vital signs			
Take	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monitor	Yes	Yes	No

⁵ Registration required per 201 KAR 8:560 Section 14

⁶ Registration required per 201 KAR 8:560 Section 11

⁷ Education required per 201 KAR 8:570 Section 5

⁸ Education required per 201 KAR 8:570 Section 6/KRS 313.050

⁹ Registration required per 201 KAR 8:560 Section 14/201 KAR 8:570 Section 7